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## **Governor Delivers State of the State Address**

Governor Gary Locke delivered the annual State of the State Address before a joint session of the Legislature on January 13. His central theme was partnerships that will promote the state's obligation to provide Washington's children with the best education. Also touched on were partnerships to foster improving Washington's environment, economic prosperity, community involvement, and personal responsibility.

The Governor said that, "the first and most important partnership must be to accelerate the improvement of our public schools." To that end the Governor has proposed the Washington Reading Corps, an investment designed to give teachers and principals the resources they need to mobilize their communities. The goal of this program is to recruit twenty-five thousand volunteer tutors across the state, and to have teachers train them to tutor 82,000 second through fifth graders in reading. The Governor has also proposed new and significant incentives for excellence in teaching and a scholarship program to attract our best and brightest young people to the teaching profession.

Governor Locke is also proposing a fast-track route easy for mid-career or retiring professionals to move into the classroom. He has suggested "giving people credit for what they already know, and making the courses necessary for teaching more convenient and accessible. It is time to give parents, teachers, and citizens the power to create charter schools." The Governor also indicated that he supports charter school legislation that promotes innovation and community involvement in public education.

Governor Locke is proposing tax cuts to help small businesses establish themselves and grow. He said, "our businesses ought to invest in their most precious asset: their employees. Working families have an equal right to benefit from our good economic times." The Governor is also proposing tax credits to family-friendly businesses that invest in child care or job training for their employees. He is calling for expanding enrollments in our community and technical colleges, so that people can learn new skills and climb the career ladder.

Governor Locke also called upon the legislature to honor another partnership: the partnership between ourselves and our parents and grandparents. He said, "in the budget passed last year, we underestimated the demand for home care for our seniors, and that's something we simply must fix." Governor Locke is asking the legislature to approve additional funding for the services that seniors need to live in their own homes rather than in nursing homes.

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The Governor also touched on transportation by saying, "something else we must do to protect our ability to generate economic growth is investing in our transportation system."

The final partnership partner ship touched on by the Governor involves saving our salmon. "Our salmon and steelhead are dying out. If we do not act now, the federal government and federal judges will take this issue out of our hands."

Governor Locke closed his address by pronouncing this a Washington state agenda. He stated, "when citizens act together — and when government helps bring them together — our best values can solve our most difficult problems."

### Legislative Internet Links

Legislative information can be accessed via the internet. The following are a few links that may be of interest:

#### Legislative Information:

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members/housepg.htm](http://www.leg.wa.gov/www/house/members/housepg.htm)

#### Washington State Senate

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/www/senate.htm>

#### Washington State Governor's Home Page

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## Open Letter From The Secretary

### Dear Colleagues:

As you may have heard from the Governor, there are strong themes which he is pursuing:

- Education
- Economic Vitality
- Environment
- Public Safety
- Privacy
- Restoring Public Trust in Government

Each of these themes has various issues of interest. A synopsis of the Governor's State of the State has been included for your information at the beginning of this newsletter.

I believe that the strategic initiative planning process began by DOH in 1997 links well with the Governor's focus. In the early months of 1998, action plans will be developed for these initiatives, including engaging our partners in the discussions and planning.

As 1997 ended, a strategic planning effort was launched that will improve our ability to deliver tangible public health results for highly visible, timely needs. Last week, program managers and other staff chose six strategic initiatives for 1998:

- Promote healthy aging of the population.
- Assure the public has an adequate supply of safe and reliable drinking water.
- Promote safe and effective student health services.
- Make child care safe and healthy.
- Protect the public from emerging and antibiotic resistant disease.
- Improve food safety in the home and commercial settings.

I know you will join me in extending a special "thank you" as we say goodbye to Dr. Mimi Fields, who has served as our state health officer since 1991. Each of us who have had the opportunity to work with Mimi will remember her for approaching every decision with the highest professional standards and a deep personal commitment to do the right thing. We will miss her greatly and wish her the very best.

1998 will be another fast-paced year for the Department of Health. Working and learning together, we will improve and protect public health.

Sincerely,

BRUCE A. MIYAHARA  
Secretary

## Governor's Supplemental Budget

To keep folks "in the loop", I am distributing information from the Governor's budget that affects the Department of Health.

Overall, the Governor's supplemental budget focused on a number of our issues. Over the past few months there has been debate around the need or desire for a supplemental budget, although many have ideas for tax reductions. With this in mind, the Governor focused his comments mainly on proposed budget "adjustments" to the 97-99 biennial budget. The debate over these "adjustments" as well as ideas from the hill will be intense.

Attached is the DOH section from the Supplemental Budget Recommendation Summaries along with the budget matrix prepared by Faye Olson. (Thanks for the quick work on this Faye.)

### RELATED ISSUES

- MVET (Motor Vehicle Excise Tax) reduction: A \$35 per year reduction will be allowed under this proposal. Concern was raised that this might affect the funding for local public health. We have been informed by the Governor's office that the reduction will be against the state portion and not affect public health funding coming from this fund.
- BHP — \$14.6 million Health Services Account: The Governor's budget includes funding to increase BHP subsidized enrollment to 138,300 by July 1998. This goal takes into account medical inflation reflected in health plan rates effective January 1998, anticipated participation by employer sponsors, point-of-service cost sharing, and the costs for counties without sufficient access to statewide benchmark plans.
- State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) — \$1 million GF-F; \$1.5 million Health Services Account: The federal government has enacted legislation that provides funds to help states extend health care coverage to children in families up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). The Governor's budget proposes to access these federal dollars through an Expanded Basic Health Program to provide health insurance coverage for the approximately 10,000 children in households with incomes between 200 and 250 of the FPL. Health insurance coverage is based on the current Basic Health Plan benefits plus benefits added to meet federal requirements including outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapies, vision and hearing services, and dental care. Cost-sharing and premium contributions will be required from enrollees. Enrollment in the program will begin in January 1999 and is estimated to average 2,700 children in Fiscal Year 1999.
- Methamphetamine Labs: The Governor is proposing to more than double sentences for manufacturers of methamphetamine from two years to five years on the first offense, and higher for subsequent convictions or offenders with previous records. He also proposes to budget an additional \$344,000 GF-S to create a new meth lab response team at the State Patrol, adding four highly trained, full-time detectives to support the work the Patrol does now with multi-jurisdictional drug task forces. There would be no other additional costs in the current biennium because the sentencing change would apply only to future sentences, and the additional time would be served after the next fiscal year.
- Water Reuse Program — \$189,000 GF-S; 2.2 FTEs: A core water reuse program would be funded at the Department of Health. The program would develop water reuse standards, provide technical assistance, and permit new water reuse projects in order to make more water available.
- Farm Worker/Temporary Worker Housing: The Governor is developing legislation that will require \$2 million total funding across agencies to deal with this issue.

Please let my office and legislative contacts know if you see a problem with proposals; or have questions or constituent issues.

Thanks — hope you find some new and interesting information here.

Patty L. Hayes, Legislative Director  
Office of Legislative & Constituent Relations

## Bill Watch

The following descriptions encapsulate bills of public health significance that the Department of Health is tracking:

### FAMILIES & CHILDREN

**HB 2308: School Tests/ Parent Consent** - Confirms that it is within the rightful authority of parents to determine how much personal information regarding their child and their family is divulged to schools and individual educators. Requires prior parental consent for the administration of tests, questionnaires and surveys that elicit the personal beliefs or practices of a student or a student's family regarding sex or religion. Requires that all instruction materials, including teacher's manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material that will be used in connection with any test, questionnaire, survey, analysis, or evaluation in a school shall be available for inspection by the parents or legal guardians of the students and by any member of the school board. Provides that schools shall give parents and students effective notice of their rights under this act. **House Education.** *Possible Executive Session, 1-23-98, 10:00 AM, House Hearing Room A.*

**HB 2332: School Laws and Rules Waivers** - Deletes the expiration date of June 30, 1999, for provisions relating to the waivers of laws and rules pertaining to schools. **House Education.**

**HB 2395: Partial Birth Abortions** - Provides that any physician who knowingly performs a partial-birth abortion and thereby kills a human fetus shall be fined under this act or imprisoned not more than two years, or both. This act shall not apply to a partial-birth abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness, or injury. Requires approval by the people at the next general election. **House Law & Justice.**

**HB 2422: Parents' Rights in Education** - Allows parents to: (1) Make a complaint to the school board and have the complaint heard at a public hearing regarding instructional and library materials the parent deems objectionable; (2) exclude their child

from sex education and HIV/AIDS classes and be involved in evaluation and revision of sex education and HIV/AIDS programs, (3) exclude their child from scoliosis screening and (4) be involved in instructional materials committees in accordance with RCW 28A.320.230. **House Education.** *Public Hearing, 1-23-98, 10:00AM, House Hearing Room A*

**SB 6247: Sexually Explicit Matter/ Minor** - Declares that a person is guilty of unlawful display of sexually explicit material to a minor if the person knowingly shows such material on a viewing screen so that the sexually explicit material is visible to a minor who is not trespassing. The bill does not provide a limited exemption for health related materials. **Senate Law and Justice.**

### FISCAL

**HB 2320: Toxicology Lab Funding** - Makes an appropriation of three hundred fifty-one thousand five hundred dollars to carry out the purposes of funding the state toxicology laboratory. **House Appropriations.**

**SB 6168: Temporary Worker Housing** - Directs DOH to adopt by rule a temporary worker building code in conformance with the temporary worker housing standards developed under the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act, Chapter 49.17 RCW, the rules adopted by the State Board of Health under RCW 70.54.110, and the designated guidelines. Requires that, by December 1, 1998, the Department of Labor and Industries shall adopt rules requiring electricity in all temporary worker housing and establishing minimum requirements to ensure the safe storage, handling, and preparation of food in these camps, regardless of whether individual or common cooking facilities are in use. Provides that, beginning in fiscal year 1999 and each fiscal year thereafter, the state treasurer shall transfer two million dollars from the general fund to the housing trust fund. The funds transferred under this section are provided solely to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the development of housing for low-income farm workers. **Senate Agriculture & Environment.**

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### DISEASE PREVENTION

**HB 2366: Good Samaritan Disease Tests** - Provides that any person, who without compensation or the expectation of compensation renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency that brings them into contact with bodily fluids shall be provided the opportunity to have infectious disease testing provided by a local public health department free of charge, provided the person needing the test has no insurance coverage. **House Health Care. Public Hearing, 1-20-98, 1:30PM, House Hearing Room B.**

**HB 2413: Sexually Transmitted Disease** - Revises RCW 70.24.105 to provide for disclosure of sexually transmitted disease information to a person rendering emergency care or transportation, commonly known as a "good Samaritan". Removes provisions allowing disclosure to law enforcement authorities. **House Health Care. Public Hearing, 1-20-98, 1:30PM, House Hearing Room B.**

### INJURY PREVENTION

**HB 2437: Bicycle Helmets** - Provides that, in order to provide an effective means of implementing a requirement for all bicyclists and their passengers to wear helmets, the legislature recognizes that programs of helmet awareness designed to promote use of helmets by all ages, undertaken by public and private agencies with existing resources, and with notification of the requirement must precede the date of total enforcement. **House Transportation Policy & Budget.**

**SB 6225: Firearms Possession/ Minors** - Requires adult supervision of minors under fourteen in possession of firearms while hunting or trapping. **Senate Natural Resources & Parks.**

### TOBACCO

**SB 6137: Tobacco Possession by Minors** - Makes it illegal for a minor to possess or attempt to possess tobacco. Requires minors found guilty of possession or purchase of tobacco to pay a fine and perform four hours of community service. The

court may also order the minor into a tobacco cessation program. **Senate Commerce & Labor.**

### STATE GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

**SB 6239: Family Policy Council Sunset** - Provides that the family policy council and its powers and duties shall be terminated on June 30, 2001. Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct or contract for the performance of a fiscal audit of the family policy council and the community public health and safety networks. The committee shall submit a final audit report to the legislature by December 30, 1999. **Senate Human Services & Corrections.**

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

**SB 6131: Shellfish Sanitary Control** - Provides that a person whose license or certificate of approval is denied, revoked or suspended as a result of violations of chapter 69.30 RCW may not participate to any degree in a shellfish operation. **Senate Natural Resources & Parks.**

**SB 6161: Dairy Nutrient Management** - Establishes a credible registration and inspection program for dairy animal feeding operations to address the excessive discharge of nutrients or pollutants to waters of the state and lead to compliance by the industry with water quality laws. Maintains the administration of the water quality program as it relates to dairy operations at the state level. Creates a balanced program involving technical assistance, regulation, and enforcement with coordination and oversight of the program by an advisory committee composed of agency, industry, and other representatives. Additionally, the legislature intends to clarify the current coordination procedures and responsibilities between the department, the conservation commission, and conservation districts. Repeals RCW 90.64.005 and 90.64.090. **Senate Agriculture & Environment.**

**SB 6170: Uranium or Thorium Mills** - Declares that the department may not approve a plan for reclamation, closure, or decommissioning of a

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uranium or thorium mill or tailings facility if the plan uses the receipt, storage, permanent impoundment, or disposal of materials originating from a site that is more than forty-five miles from the site covered by the plan. **Senate Agriculture & Environment.**

## REGULATORY REFORM

**HB 2345: Administrative Law Revisions** - Revises provisions relating to administrative law rule-making and hearing procedures. **House Government Reform & Land Use.** *Executive Session, 1-22-98, 1:30PM, House Hearing Room E.*

## PROFESSIONAL/FACILITIES LICENSING

**HB 2363: Nurse Delegation** - Revises RCW 18.88A.030 and 18.88A.210 to adopt department of health recommendations removing barriers to nurse delegation. **House Health Care Committee.** *Public Hearing, 1-22-98, 8:00AM, House Hearing Room B.*

**HB 2364: Health Professions Administrative Procedures** - Revises RCW 43.70.280 to extend the authority of the secretary of health to write administrative rules for the health professions from July 1, 1998 to July 1, 1999. **House Health Care Committee.** *Public Hearing, 1-22-98, 8:00AM, House Hearing Room B.*

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The following are cut-off dates for the 1998 Legislature. These dates apply to all bills, memorials, and joint resolutions with the exception of budgets, matters necessary to implement budgets, initiatives to the legislature, and alternatives to initiatives to the legislature.

**February 6, 1998:** Final day to read in committee reports in the house of origin with the exception of reports from the Senate Ways and Means and Transportation Committees and House fiscal committees.

**February 10, 1998:** Final day to read in Senate Ways and Means and Transportation Committees and House fiscal committee reports in the house of origin.

**February 17, 1998:** Final time to consider bills in their house of origin.

**February 27, 1998:** Final day to read in committee reports on bills from the opposite house, with the exception of reports from the Senate Ways and Means and Transportation Committees and House fiscal committees.

**March 2, 1998:** Final day to read in Senate Ways and Means and Transportation Committees and House fiscal committee reports on bills from the opposite house.

**March 6, 1998:** Neither house may consider any bills, memorials, or joint resolutions except initiatives to the legislature and alternatives to such initiatives, messages pertaining to amendments, matters of differences between the two houses, conference and free conference reports, and matters incident to the interim and to the closing of the business of the 1998 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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## 1998 House Standing Committee Membership

**Agriculture and Ecology (11):** Gary Chandler, Chair; Mark G. Schoesler, Vice Chair; Linda Evans Parlette, Vice Chair; \*Kelli Linville, David Anderson, Mike Cooper, Jerome Delvin, John Koster, Dave Mastin, Debbie Regala, Bob Sump

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# 1998 Senate Committee Assignments

## **Agriculture and Environment (7)**

**R (4):** Bob Morton, Chair; Dan Swecker, Vice Chair; Irv Newhouse; Bob Oke

**D (3):** Karen Fraser; Rosemary McAuliffe; \*Marilyn Rasmussen

## **Commerce and Labor (7):**

**R (4):** Ray Schow, Chair; Jim Horn, Vice Chair; Ann Anderson, Irv Newhouse

**D (3):** Rosa Franklin; Karen Fraser; \*Michael Heavey

## **Education (7):**

**R (4):** Harold Hochstatter, Chair; Bill Finkbeiner, Vice Chair; Stephen Johnson, Joseph Zarelli

**D (3):** Calvin Goings; \*Rosemary McAuliffe; Marilyn Rasmussen

## **Energy & Utilities (7):**

**R (4):** Bill Finkbeiner, Chair; Harold Hochstatter, Vice Chair; Dino Rossi, Gary Strannigan

**D (3):** \*Lisa Brown; Ken Jacobsen; Lena Swanson

## **Financial Institutions, Insurance & Housing (7):**

**R (4):** Shirley Winsley, Chair; Don Benton, Vice Chair; Bill Finkbeiner; Patricia Hale

**D (3):** Michael Heavey, Adam Kline, \*Eugene Prentice

## **Government Operations (7):**

**R (4):** Bob McCaslin, Chair; Patricia Hale, Vice Chair; Ann Anderson, Jim Horn

**D (3):** Mary Haugen; \*Julia Patterson; Lena Swanson

## **Health & Long-Term Care (7):**

**R (4):** Alex Deccio, Chair; Jeanette Wood, Vice Chair; Don Benton; Gary Strannigan

**D (3):** Darlene Fairley; Rosa Franklin; \*R. Lorraine Wojahn

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**R (5):** Jeanette Wood, Chair; Shirley Winsley, Vice Chair; Patricia Hale; Eugene Prince; James West

**D (4):** Al Bauer; \*Jeanne Kohl; Julia Patterson; Tim Sheldon

## **Human Services & Corrections (7)**

**R (4):** Jeanine Long, Chair; Joseph Zarelli, Vice Chair; Ray Schow; Val Stevens

**D (3):** Rosa Franklin; \*Jim Hargrove; Jeanne Kohl

## **Law & Justice (11):**

**R (6):** Pam Roach, Chair; Stephen Johnson, Vice Chair; Jeanine Long; Bob McCaslin; Val Stevens; Joseph Zarelli

**D (5):** \*Darlene Fairley; Calvin Goings; Jim Hargrove; Mary Haugen; Adam Kline

## **Natural Resources & Parks (11):**

**R (6):** Bob Oke, Chair; Dino Rossi, Vice Chair; Bob Morton; Pam Roach; Val Stevens; Dan Swecker

**D (5):** Jim Hargrove; \*Ken Jacobsen; Margarita Prentice; Sid Snyder; Harriet Spanel

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**R (11):** \*\*Brad Owen, Chair; Irv Newhouse, Vice Chair; Don Benton; Patricia Hale; Jim Horn; Stephen Johnson; Dan McDonald; George Sellar; Val Stevens; Gary Strannigan; Dan Swecker; Joseph Zarelli

**D (8):** Al Bauer; Valoria Loveland; Rosemary McAuliffe; Tim Sheldon; Sid Snyder; Pat Thibaudeau; Lorraine Wojahn

## **Transportation (15)**

**R (8):** Eugene Prince, Chair; Don Benton, Vice Chair; Jeanette Wood, Vice Chair; Jim Horn; Bob Morton; Irv Newhouse; Bob Oke; George Sellar

**D (7):** Calvin Goings; \*Mary Haugen; Michael Heavey; Ken Jacobsen; Julia Patterson; Margarita Prentice; Marilyn Rasmussen

## **Ways & Means (21):**

**R (12):** James West, Chair; Alex Deccio, Vice Chair; Gary Strannigan, Vice Chair; Harold Hochstatter; Jeanine Long; Dan McDonald; Pam Roach; Dino Rossi; Ray Schow; Dan Swecker; Shirley Winsley; Joseph Zarelli

**D (9):** Al Bauer; Lisa Brown; \*Karen Fraser (Capital); Jeanne Kohl; Valoria Loveland; Tim Sheldon; Sid Snyder; \*Harriet Spanel (Appropriations); Pat Thibaudeau

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